Unauthorised gas connections in Delhi

2566. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unauthorised cooking gas connections in the country, particularly in Delhi.;

(b) if so, what are the details in this respect;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to regularise these unauthorised LPG connections, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, what is the reaction of the Government in regard to the unauthorised LPG connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Cases of Unauthorised LPG connections have come to the notice of Oil Marketing Companies. While no separate statistics in this regard are maintained, the number of such cases is not significant.

(c) and (d) Normally, LPG connections are non-transferable. While there is no question of regularisation of connections obtained through fraudulent means, the facility of transfer is available to the heir/successor in the event of death of a customer or to a person in possession of the connection on production of an authorisation letter from the owner and deposit of security at the currently prevailing rate by the prospective transferee.

Allotment of gas connections to persons in the waiting list in Gujarat

2567. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in the districts of Vadodara, Surat, Broach, Bhavnagar, Amreli, Kutch and Rajkot in Gujarat at present if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many gas connections have been given in these districts during the last three years;

(c) how many gas connections are likely to be provided during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 31st December, 1987; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to provide gas connections expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir The details aregiven below :—

District	Approximate No. of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections as on 1-10-86	No. of LPG connections released during the last 3 years (approx.)		
		1983	1984	1985
Vadodara	51780	12600	17500	9500
Surat	68470	37100	24800	26000
Broach	21140	5200	7700	4500
Bhavnagar	28740	4900	7200	8500
Amreli	2250	—	2000	600
Kutch	3950	—	3300	5200
Rajkot	50320	6500	14800	5000

(c) and (d) Enrolment and release of new LPG connections is a continuous process and is made under the annual enrolment programme of the oil industry determined by augmentation in availability of LPG, bottling capacity, transportation, arrangements and other infrastructure.

Industrial stagnation

2568. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMAKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial stagnation has of late set in, in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) According to C.S.O. Index of Industrial Production, the rates of growth in industrial production during the last few years have been as under :—

1980-81	4.0%
1981-82	8.6%
1982-83	4.1%
1983-84	6.1%
1984-85	6.8%
1985-86	6.2%
1986-87 .. .. (April-August)	5.7%

Government have been taking a number of steps to stimulate industrial production through appropriate changes in industrial licensing and import policies as well as through monetary and fiscal measures and improvement in infrastructure.

Conference of Federation of Association of Small Industries of India

2569. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether at a recent Conference held on September 18, 1986 under the auspices of the Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (F.A.S.I.I.), a number of problems now being faced by the small scale industries were placed before the Prime Minister, who attended the said conference; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : A National Convention on Small Scale Industries which was organised by the Federation of Associations of Small Industries of India (FASII) in Delhi on the 17th September, 1986 was also addressed by the Prime Minister. In the course of deliberations various aspects of small industries development such as upgradation of technology, modernisation, quality control, supply of raw materials, marketing, exports, etc. were discussed.

(b) The developments in the small scale industries sector are kept under constant review and suitable measures are taken by the Government from time to time to meet the felt needs of this sector.

Revised date of completion of the mining Projects

2570. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :
SHRI CHITTA BASU :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Ques-